



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 5104**

LCO No. 2984



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:  
(PH)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY LYME DISEASE TESTING.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
- 2 to study Lyme disease testing. The task force shall review policies for
- 3 Lyme disease testing in this state and in other states.
- 4 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:
- 5 (1) Two persons experienced in the study of infectious disease, one
- 6 each appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate and the
- 7 speaker of the House of Representatives;
- 8 (2) Two physicians experienced in treating Lyme disease, one each
- 9 appointed by the majority leader and the minority leader of the Senate;
- 10 (3) Two persons experienced in the clinical laboratory evaluation of
- 11 Lyme disease, one each appointed by the majority leader and the
- 12 minority leader of the House of Representatives;
- 13 (4) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's

14 designee; and

15 (5) A representative of an organization in the state focused on the  
16 treatment of Lyme disease, who shall be appointed by the Governor.

17 (c) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than  
18 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be  
19 filled by the appointing authority. Members of the task force shall  
20 serve without compensation.

21 (d) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's  
22 designee, shall serve as chairperson of the task force. The  
23 commissioner, or the commissioner's designee, shall schedule the first  
24 meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty days  
25 after the effective date of this section. The commissioner, or the  
26 commissioner's designee, shall resolve any tie vote of the members.

27 (e) Not later than January 1, 2014, the task force shall submit a  
28 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing  
29 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
30 relating to public health, in accordance with the provisions of section  
31 11-4a of the general statutes. Such report shall include, but not be  
32 limited to, recommendations for policies concerning Lyme disease  
33 testing in the state. The task force shall terminate on the date that it  
34 submits its report or January 1, 2014, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**PH**      *Joint Favorable*